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Sudden End of War Stops Issue of 'Assault Packet'

CHICAGO — Sudden collapse of the World War put to an equally abrupt end the army's plan to supply its Japan invasion troops with a newly perfected "assault packet."

The packet contained not cartridges or grenades, but caramels, chocolate bars, fruit bars, peanuts, candy-covered gum, cigarettes and matches, all in a water and airtight bag, sealed with adhesive tape. "It was designed for troops about to make landings in enemy territory when they are too nervous to relish, much less even eat, the rations ordinarily issued," said Col. Roland A. Isker, director of the quarter-master corps subsistence research and development laboratory, Chicago.

The packet of quick-energy dainties was about the size of a tin can and could be eaten in five minutes, in perfect, instead.

After a thorough test by troops in the Central Pacific theater, the army was preparing to use the assault packet in great numbers in the Japan invasion, but Hirohito crossed up the quarter-master corps.

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Commenting on the current rate of troopship arrivals in the United States, Admiral Land said heavy European returns were to be completed by January, when a major portion of the troop transport fleet would switch to the Pacific.

Admiral Land disclosed that the homeward-bound fleet returned more than 800,000 men from Europe in the 3½ months between V-E Day and September 1.

He added that 97.4 per cent of a total of 881,000 men returned were carried in American ships with the rest being transported in foreign vessels.

This WSA fleet of 470 vessels, including 20 passenger liners and 450 cargo-type ships, were converted to troopships at a cost of \$250,000,000, with a total carrying capacity of 500,000 men, Land said.

In addition, some 250 combat-type vessels, constructed by the U. S. maritime commission for the army and navy, are being used principally in the Pacific, the shipping administrator said.

Admiral Land pointed out that it required 3½ years to move the 6,000,000 troops to battle areas.

Paris Telephone Wires

Partly Devoured by Rats

PARIS. — The communications officials who smelled a rat in the telephone system were right all along, it was disclosed recently.

Rats, finding Paris garbage pails empty, have chewed up the insulation of 10,000 miles of cable in the last five years and have consumed or wrecked about 10,000 tons of rubber in the telephone cables system.

One big Paris exchange no longer answers calls at all, it has been so chewed up.

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General Patton slightly better.

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